Government proposes to frame a new Scheme, to be called the National Savings Scheme, and to provide tax incentives for net savings made under the said Scheme. The Government's proposal in this regard is sought to be implemented through Clauses 34 and 78 of the Finance Bill, 1987 introduced in Lok Sabho on the 28th February, 1987.

Penalty imposed on M/s. Bata India Ltd.

1929. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than Rs 12 lakhs as penalty were imposed on M/s .Bata India Limited for violation of FERA during the year 1986; and

(b) if so, whether the penalty has since been realised from the company; if not the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) A total penalty of Rs. 11,23,000 has been imposed on M/s. Bata India Ltd. and its two executives for violation of the provisions of F.E.R. Act. The entire amount of penalty has been realised from the company and its two executives.

Andhra Pradesh Electronic Development Corporation (APEL) Project

1930. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is unusual delay in clearing Andhra Pradesh Electronics Development Corporation (APEL) Project by the Centre, as has been reported in the Newstime of 8th February, 1987; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the processing of the case has taken somewhat longer time because of the following reasons:

(i) The proposal involves majority foreign equity participation by M/s. Philips, Holland;

(ii) The payment terms as well as the investment in imported capital goods proposed were higher than in the other proposals and therefore needed clarifications from the colaborator;

(iii) The longer time taken by M/s. APEDC in furnishing the relevant information.

Raid on 24 offices of company

1931. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item published in the Indian Express dated 25th November, 1986, New Delhi edition regarding raids on 24 offices of a company conducted by Government from Wednesday, the 19th November, 1986 for about 3 days; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the raids including the name of the company, the documents seized and the action taken by Government thereon so far including the arrest of any person or persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Searches have been conducted in

the various premises of two companies, namely :—

(1) M/s. Formica India Division of M|s. Bombay Gurmah Trading Corporation Ltd.; and

(2) M|s. Modern Surfaces and Insulations Ltd.; and

also in the premises of 10 dealers of these two companies only on 18-11-1986 and not for three days. Incriminating documents seized prima facie establish under valuation of Laminates manufactured by Formica India Division of sold through M|s Modren Surfaces and Insulations Ltd. No arrests have been made. M|s Formica India Division have voluntarily paid an amount of Rs. 66 lakhs and have agreed to pay the differential amount which may be finally determined. They have requested to waive the issue of Show Cause Notice Collector of Central Excise, Pune has personally heard the party on 23-2-1987 to pass final adjudication order in the case.

Scientific and technical personnel in the country

1932. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the strength of scientific and technical personnel in India is only 3.8 per thousand as against 185 in Japan, as reported in the Business India of January 12—25, 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that of the 1.5 million qualified scientists, only 0.29 million are unemployed; and

(c) whether out of those who are employed in the Research and Development Institutes, 64 per cent are actually engaged in non-technical administrative posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The estimated stock of scientists, engineers and technicians per thousand population in 1985 was 3.9. Similar figure for Japan for the year 1984 as per UNESCO Statistical Year Book was 312.8.

(b) According to the Sixth Plan document the total stock of economically active S&T personnel in the country at the beginning of 1985 was estimated to be 24.7 lakhs out of which 3.7 lakhs were estimated to be unemployed.

(c) No, Sir. Only about 32 per cent of the total number of personnel employed in R&D institutes are engaged in non-technical administrative work.

Harassment of Scientists

1933. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bureaucracy is hampering the development of science and technology, as reported in the Economic Times of Ist February, 1987;

(b) whether any scientist is likely to be asked to assist the Prime Minister's Secretariat to keep track of harassment of scientists;

(c) whether the Prime Minister has received any representation from one compulsorily retired scientist of Agricultural Research Service giving documentary proof of his removal on the basis of a forged letter. if so, what action has been taken thereon; and

(d) whether Government propose to send all such cases to a tribunal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT,